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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1917.

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TO SELL THE SHIPYARD COUNCIL OF DEFENSE

Judge Barley Appoints Gardner L. Boothe, J. M. Johnson and J. R. Caton as Commissioners to Dispose of Property.

In the Corporation Court in this city today, an order for the sale of the lower shipyard property located on the river front between Gibson and Jefferson streets, measuring two squares, was entered in the suit of J. P. Agnew et al. vs. Frederick Mortins. The following from the order is significant, as it shows that the owners of this property are about to dispose of it:

"It appearing to the court from the petition filed by the parties to the suit that there are parties who desire to make substantial offers for the purchase of the real estate of Park Agnew, and of the real estate held by the estate of Park Agnew, deceased, as tenant in common with M. B. Harlow, and that it will be to the interest of all parties to this cause to entertain such offers to purchase said real estate, or parts thereof, and that the real estate of aforesaid, for which offers are proposed to be made, is unproductive and is a charge against the estate of Park Agnew, deceased, for constantly accruing taxes thereon."

The court appointed J. M. Johnson, Gardner L. Boothe, and James R. Caton commissioners with authority to receive offers and sell the same.

CITY SCHOOL BOARD.

Instructor in the Business Course Sends in His Resignation.

The regular meeting of the City School Board was held last night. There were present: P. M. Bradshaw, esq., chairman, and Messrs. Cox, Lunt, Pierce, Hellmuth, Howard, Perry, and Superintendent Sweeney. C. R. Yates, the recently elected trustee from the first ward, appeared and took his seat.

The Superintendent was instructed to allow the usual Christmas holidays.

The Superintendent also announced the resignation of C. E. Bandy, who has had charge of the business course of the high school.

Luther H. Thompson tendered his resignation which was accepted with regrets, he having been a member of the school board since 1891, twenty-six years. His resignation follows his appointment as Police Justice.

Authority was granted for the organization of a Junior Red Cross order among the school children.

A number of bills were authorized to be paid and the usual amount of routine business was transacted.

Wonderplay Treats Dramatic Problem.

A problem of vital importance to progressive men and women is presented in "More Truth Than Poetry," the five-act Metro play starring Mrs. M. Petrova, which will be seen at the Richmond Theatre tonight. This is whether a man has the moral right, when he achieves fame and success, to discard for a younger face the wife who has worked shoulder to shoulder with him, denying herself luxuries, in order that he may attain prominence.

William Desmond will be seen in a different type of role from what he is accustomed to appear in when he is presented as a star at the Surprise Theatre tonight in the new Triangle play, "Time Locks and Diamonds."

R. EDWARD POWER DEAD.

Young and Popular Alexandrian Passes Away After Long Illness.

R. Edward Power, aged 33 years, for a number of years employed as a bookkeeper of the Mutual Ice Company, died last night at his home, 307 North Washington street, after a long illness. He is survived by his mother and a brother, Joseph, of St. Louis, Mo. The deceased was a member of Alexandria Division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Past Deputy Grand Knight of Fitzgerald Council, No. 459, Knights of Columbus, and chairman of the Fourth Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus. These organizations will meet on Sunday after the mass to take suitable action upon his death.

Sale Tomorrow.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Second Presbyterian church will hold a sale of apron and fancy articles Saturday, Dec. 8, at 480 King street, 291-14.

Police of Entire Country Will be Lined up as Aids to Federal Authorities in Draft Law.

Richmond, Dec. 7.—The Virginia Council of Defense has received from the office of the Provost Marshal General in Washington an announcement relative to a plan of the War Department whereby the police of the whole country will be lined up as an aid to the federal authorities in enforcing the regulations of the army draft law.

For the benefit of the police of the whole country in Virginia the Council is sending out a notice which gives some information on the subject, as follows:

"Those who fail to return the questionnaire or to appear for physical examination, or to report change of status, or to report for any duty or to perform any act at the time and place required by these regulations or by the direction of local or district boards in pursuance thereof are guilty of a misdemeanor under section 6 of the selective-draft law. Under authority granted in section 6 of that law, it is made the duty of all police officials of the United States and of any State or any county, municipality, or other subdivision thereof, to locate and take into custody such persons and to bring them before local boards to determine whether their cases shall be reported to the Federal Department of Justice for prosecution, and to serve the summons to witnesses is sued by local or district boards.

"Persons who, after induction into military service, with intent to evade such service, willfully fail to report to local boards for military duty, or fail to entrain for mobilization camp, or who absent themselves from entrainment or from their parties of selected men en route to a mobilization camp, are deserters and are subject to military law. It is made the duty of all such police officials to apprehend and arrest such deserters and proceed against them.

"A reward of \$50 is payable for the apprehension and delivery to a military camp, post or station of a deserter from the National Army when the person making such delivery presents the certificate of a local board.

"Not only has the Provost Marshal General set in motion the great police organization of the country, but the postal authorities will work hand in hand with the local boards in every district and every possible clew will be run out to trace the registrants in order that they may have no possible excuse for their failure to return their questionnaire within the seven-day period prescribed by law.

YOUNG PEOPLES' BUILDING.

Will Be Opened as Usual Until the First of the Year and Probably Longer.

Yesterday the Gazette mentioned that the Young People's Building would not be heated after next Sunday on account of the scarcity of coal. Arrangements were made today to secure coal, and the order to let the fire go out will be rescinded and the building opened as usual until the first of the year and possibly longer.

This will be good news to the many soldiers who have daily visited the building and enjoyed its comforts and conveniences, and the official board of the church are very glad arrangements have been made to keep the building warm and comfortable.

Notice.

The stated convocation of Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter No. 14, will be held, Friday evening, December 7, 1917, at 7:30 o'clock. Come and encourage the new officers by your presence. Work—mark and past degrees. A. G. UHLER, Secy.

Death Notice.

Died, on Thursday, December 6, 1917, at his residence, 307 North Washington street, Alexandria, Va., Robert Edward, beloved son of Kate and the late Martin Power. Funeral Monday, December 10th, at 9 a. m.

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Alexandria City and Suburbs

Officers were elected last night by Canton Alexandria No. 1, Patriarchs Militant, as follows: W. L. Martin, Captain; G. R. Gaines, lieutenant; G. C. Trenary, ensign; A. T. Sullivan, Clerk; and W. E. Latham, sr., treasurer.

Aeca Temple Mystic Shrine, of Richmond, held memorial exercises last night in that city in honor of those of its members who have passed away during the year. Among the nineteen were Henry K. Field, William B. Smithers, Charles A. Simpson and Francis Lammond, of Alexandria.

The grand jury term of the Corporation Court will begin at eleven o'clock next Monday morning. The following will compose the grand jury: E. M. Anderson, Jos. C. Gates, J. B. Chiswell, W. W. Ballenger, John M. Reed, Luther C. Till, L. Dyson, Lorenzo Wolford, T. J. Fannon, Thomas L. Carter, George T. Burroughs, and J. F. Myers.

Clyde and Mary Potts, colored who said they were from Philadelphia, were arrested by Officers Reed and Power at an early hour this morning for disorderly conduct at the Union passenger depot. The woman was knocked down by the man in a row between them, and when taken into custody the wife alleged she was in the trouble. The husband was fined \$10 for assault and the wife \$5 for disorderly conduct.

A well attended and enthusiastic meeting of Alexandria Council, Order Fraternal Americans, was held last evening. Three candidates were elected to receive the degrees and the first degree was conferred upon one candidate in a most impressive manner. The degree team has been organized and is now being well handled by the degree master, W. D. Zimmerman. Three applications for membership were received. There are now ten candidates awaiting the degrees of the order. The nomination of officers for the ensuing term was made and these officers will be elected at the next meeting on Dec. 20th. The Council is also planning for a large meeting to which out of town Councils will be invited and State and National officers will be in attendance. This meeting has been set for Jan. 17th and an interesting program will be arranged for the occasion.

BAN ON EXPLOSIVES.

Mayor Fisher Gives Notice That the Use of Everything in the Way of Fire Works is Prohibited.

Mayor Fisher has directed the members of the police force to see that the laws of the city and state forbidding the use of explosives is observed during the approaching holiday season. He also requests the Gazette to make this known. The law forbids the sale of toy pistols, firecrackers, or anything which cause explosions. The sale of such is also unlawful, and the authorities will carry out the law should any one be arraigned for violating the same. But few dealers have recently had the temerity to act in defiance of the law by selling explosives and have escaped the penalty. The members of the police force will keep their eyes upon such during the holiday season, and in cases where it is known the forbidden articles have been procured arrests will follow and fines exacted from the guilty ones.

Shadow Party.

The Potter Hill community League will give a shadow party in the High School Building at Potters Hill Saturday evening, December 8th, commencing at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of raising funds to send a Christmas remembrance to each of the soldier boys from Mt. Vernon district now in the army. Every one is invited to attend. There will be a musical and minstrel program.

Red Cross Benefit Dance.

Tickets for the dance to be held for the benefit of the Alexandria Chapter of the American Red Cross will be \$1.00 per couple. The dance will be held on the evening of Friday, December 7th, in the auditorium of the Elks' Home on Prince street, commencing at 8:30. The committee of arrangements is: Misses Eliza K. Douglas, Lucy B. Uhler, Nellie S. Uhler, and Messrs. Carroll Ashby, Richard Green and Lewis Porter.

Owing to the illness of Mr. Mayo's mother, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. C. Mayo have gone for an indefinite visit to Richmond, Va.

Chinetta Dawkins, a well known and respected colored woman, died suddenly at her home, 525 north Patrick street, yesterday.

Mrs. Tillie Kidwell, wife of Zedekiah Kidwell, died last night at 1218 Prince street, after a long illness. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 3:30 from the house. The deceased is survived by her husband.

Funeral services for Mrs. Louise M. Pullin, who died Tuesday morning at her home, 621 Duke street, took place this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from her late residence. Rev. F. V. Roster officiated.

Rev. Thomas Semmes, who is conducting a series of meetings in the city, will speak before Judge Barley's Bible class at Christ church Sunday morning at 9:30. Every member of the class is not only urged to be present, but also to take a friend with him to hear Rev. Semmes on that occasion.

In reply to several inquiries the Adjutant General's office in Richmond states that all men within the draft age can volunteer in the State National Guard up to Dec. 14. It is suggested that those in Alexandria and vicinity who are liable to be called by the draft take advantage of the opportunity and join the home company now.

At the mission at St. Paul's church last evening Rev. Thomas Semmes spoke on "Five Steps up to God." He also answered a number of questions on religious subjects which had been placed in the question box at the church door. Special prayer was offered for those requesting them and they will be continued each night during the mission. This morning Bible readings and prayer service was conducted at the residence of Mrs. John M. Johnson. This afternoon Rev. Semmes addressed the ladies at the Anne Lee Home for the Aged and tonight he will preach at St. Paul's church on "Sin." There will be no service tomorrow evening but on Sunday he will preach at 11 o'clock in the morning, will hold a service for men in the afternoon and will preach again Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

ATTEMPTS TO BREAK LINE.

Germans Make Another Move to Roll Back Italian Forces.

London, Dec. 7.—On the same section of the Italian front where the Austro-German armies tried vainly for weeks to break through and roll down behind the Italian forces standing on the Piave river the Teutonic invaders are again trying to force a decision.

The task of breaking through has again been given to Field Marshal Conrad von Hotzendorf, of the Austro-Hungarian army, who commands the group between the Brenta and Piave valleys.

In the new battle, which was renewed on Wednesday, the German office claims the capture of 11,000 men, and more than sixty guns, but the Teutons suffered very heavy losses.

Advices from Rome today admitted that the Italians had given up some ground in the mountains of the Asiago plateau, but their main lines are holding intact, and the dents given them by the invaders are not serious.

The Teutons are striving to break the Italian lines in the Venetian Alps and to overrun the "wall" which overlooks and commands the Italian rear of the Piave. If they are successful, a general Italian withdrawal may be necessary, with the evacuation of Venice.

Entertainment Friday Night.

A musical and literary entertainment will be given at the Westminster Building on Friday night, December 7, 1917, at 8 o'clock. Tickets will be on sale at the door on the evening of the entertainment. 290-31.

Died, Dec. 6, 1917, at 1218 Prince street, Alexandria, Va., Tillie, wife of Zedekiah Kidwell. Funeral will occur Saturday afternoon at 3:30 from the house. (Washington papers please copy.) 291-14.

Mt. Vernon Council, Daughters of America, will hold a social in connection with their regular meeting this evening at 8 o'clock.

The Rosemont branch of the Red Cross will hold a sale at Bräwners store tomorrow for the benefit of the Red Cross.

The body of Mrs. Theresa Roberts, widow of James Roberts, who died yesterday in the hospital at the George Washington University in Washington, has been brought to Wheatley's undertaking parlors and prepared for burial.

There will be a musical and literary entertainment at the Westminster Building this evening at 8 o'clock for the benefit of the Second Presbyterian Sunday school. Among those who will assist in the program will be Mr. Thompson and Mr. Calkers of Washington, and Mrs. Wm. P. Woods and others of this city.

John T. Gilroy of this city received a letter last week from his son Andrew, stating that he was going to Halifax, Nova Scotia. Since learning of the terrible explosion which occurred there yesterday Mr. Gilroy is very anxious in regard to the safety of his son and fears that he may have been among those injured.

The Rev. Thomas I. Gasson, S. J., of Georgetown University, will preach this evening in St. Mary's church. He will conduct the Holy Hour of Adoration from 7:30 to 8:30 o'clock. The Rev. Thos. Gasson is not a stranger in Alexandria, as he preached in St. Mary's church on several previous occasions. Everybody will be cordially welcome. Besides the sermon, an attractive program of music has been provided. Tomorrow is a holiday of obligation in the Catholic church, viz: the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Masses will be said in St. Mary's at 6 o'clock, also at 7 and a High Mass at 9 o'clock, after which the girls will be enrolled in the society of the Children of Mary. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock sermon by the Rev. Thomas Gasson. Sunday morning after the seven o'clock mass, the Right Rev. D. J. O'Connell, Bishop of Richmond, will confirm a class of ninety-five children and thirty adults. At all the services the public will be welcome.

BIG CAKE FOR SOLDIERS.

Rich Man in New York City Having Cake Made for 2,400 Men.

New York, Dec. 7.—A Christmas fruit cake, four feet in diameter, one foot high and weighing 360 pounds, has been completed in the kitchen of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel here and will be sent to France as part of the dessert for the Christmas day dinner to be served by the Y. M. C. A. to American soldiers and sailors in and about Paris.

It is surmounted with a gilded statue of liberty, which holds 100 tri-colored ribbons attached to tri-colored silk candy bags. The cake is the gift of a wealthy guest of the hotel. It is big enough to serve 2,400 men. An escort will be provided to see the confection safely to France.

Coal Famine in Germany.

Amsterdam, Dec. 7.—None but the rich will be able to afford the luxury of a hot bath in Germany this winter.

Advices from Berlin today stated that the coal famine is acute and that there is much suffering from the cold weather.

Germany has a vast supply of coal not only within her own borders, but within the land she holds in Belgium and France, but lacks the labor to work the mines.

Boy Chokes to Death.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 7.—A toy balloon caused the death of Paul Abram, six-year-old son of Joseph Abram, a miner, of Curry Station, while he was returning home from the Curry school. The lad was "making a cherry" with the balloon by stretching it in front of his mouth and drawing in a part of the fabric. The rubber was drawn into his throat and stuck there and, despite the efforts of his schoolmates, the boy choked to death.

Norfolk Oysters. Hampton Bars and Potomac River oysters. J. Brill No. 2 King street.

2,000 PERSONS KILLED

Confusion of Signals Causes Explosion on French Munition Ship—Part of City and Water Front in Ruins.

Halifax, Dec. 7.—Colliding with a Belgian relief ship, the Mont Blanc, a French munition ship, blew up yesterday and caused the death of approximately 2,000 persons.

A stretch of the northern part of the city is in ruins and most of the water front is totally demolished. Many buildings collapsed and scores of persons were buried in debris.

The explosion occurred near Pier 8, as the result of a confusion of signals. The munition ship was bound from New York for Bedford Basin.

All business has been suspended and armed guards of soldiers and sailors are patrolling the city, which is partly in darkness. Not a street car is moving. All the hospitals and many private homes are filled with the wounded, and public buildings have been thrown open for the care of the injured.

Among the dead are a fire chief and his deputy. They were hurled to death when a fire engine exploded.

Following the explosion thousands rushed for the open. Some of the little children in the schools became panic-stricken. Soon every street was filled with the injured. The work of rescue was greatly impeded by the piles of debris in the devastated area.

A part of the town of Dartmouth is also in ruins. Nearly all the buildings in the dockyard are wrecked. Practically all of the north end of the city is destroyed.

The destruction reaches from North Street Railway Station as far north as Africville to Bedford Basin and covers about two square miles.

The buildings which were not destroyed by the explosion were laid waste by the fire that immediately followed.

New York, Dec. 7.—Two Scandinavian liners, carrying many German and Austrian diplomats returning home from Central and South America and China, barely escaped being caught in the Halifax Harbor disaster. They are the Bergensfjord and the Hellig Olav. Both left Halifax a few days ago, after the Teuton diplomats and their baggage had undergone a thorough examination at the hands of the British officials.

A neutral liner that may have been hit by the catastrophe is the Holland American steamship Nieuwe Amsterdam, carrying 1,200 passengers. The vessel is believed to have been in the Halifax Harbor at the time of the explosion, submitting to an inspection by the British before proceeding to Rotterdam. In addition to her large passenger list, the Nieuwe Amsterdam carries a large general cargo.

The harbor rule at Halifax demands that passengers remain aboard during the vessel's detention. It is feared that if the vessel was there true to her schedule, many of her passengers may be victims of the disaster.

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Dec. 7.—Estimates of the number of dead and injured as the result of the collision between the French munition ship Mont Blanc and the Belgian relief steamer Imo continued to grow today.

As additional bodies were being recovered from the debris of hundreds of wrecked houses and reports of missing continued to pour in, Chief of Police Hanrahan estimated the missing and unaccounted for as at least 2,000. Thousands are homeless, and churches, theaters, and schools are being used as temporary hospitals and morgues.

Some progress is being made in relief work, but estimates of the dead are as yet based solely upon fragmentary reports.

These estimates run from more than 500 to the more than 2,000 that the police chief estimates as dead or missing. Many of the latter, it is realized, may later be found when complete order is restored.

The property damage will amount far into the millions. There is scarcely a window left intact in the city.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Five thousand dead in the Halifax disaster was the unconfirmed estimate a naval commander forwarded the Navy Department, according to announcement today. He had heard the explosion while fifty-two miles at sea, and, reaching the harbor, learned of the

Prince George's County, Md., Statute Declared Unconstitutional by Circuit Judge.

Judge B. Harris Camaler yesterday in the Circuit Court for St. Mary's county, Md., handed down an opinion declaring the Prince George's county prohibition law passed at the extra session of the Legislature unconstitutional. An appeal was taken to the Court of Appeals, which probably will give a hearing within ten days.

While the decision will be hailed with joy by the liquor dealers of Prince George's county, who not only will be in a position to open up their places of business to the local trade but cater to the demand from Washington and the District of Columbia, it will cast a gloom over many of the Baltimore liquor merchants who have been making a bid for the business of the nation's capital.

The opinion was the outcome of a test case in which Lewis C. Jenkins, proprietor of Jenkins' Hotel, at T. B., Prince George's county, submitted to arrest after opening his place Thanksgiving Day. Sheriff R. Fulton Gates served the warrant. Mr. Jenkins declined to furnish bond and was turned over to the Sheriff by Justice of the Peace Robert E. Joyce, of Mount Ranier. A writ of habeas corpus was sued out before Judge Camaler. The hearing on the writ was held last Monday in Leonardtown.

It was contended by the liquor dealers that the licenses were issued by the Board of Liquor License Commissioners in accordance with a provision of a pre-existing law passed at the 1916 regular session of the Legislature, which was subsequently approved by the voters at the election in November, 1916.

The opinion is an exhaustive one, the main point being that the special session had no right to pass the prohibition act with the provision that it should go into effect at any time other than June 1 following the session of the Legislature, as required by the Constitution, unless it was considered an urgency measure. The Legislature did not meet in extra session until July, and therefore fixed the date as November 1.

It is understood that the saloonkeepers of the county will not reopen for business until the Court of Appeals has passed upon the case.

The procedure was the second step on the part of the saloon men and other liquor interests in the county to secure a speedy decision as to the constitutionality of the law which annulled the licenses granted by the Liquor License Board for Prince George's county.

FREE KINDERGARTEN.

Directors of Institution Hold Meeting Yesterday Afternoon.

The directors of the Free Kindergarten Association met yesterday afternoon at 301 South St. Asaph street. The kindergarten reported forty-nine children on the roll and having held a very large and interesting mother's meeting. The Association needs money to continue the good work, and they sincerely hope that while our citizens are giving so freely to the many war demands, they will not forget the little children. The following contributions are gratefully acknowledged: Miss Gault Norton and Mrs. E. J. Evans, two dollars each, Mr. Worth Hulfish, Mr. David Hulfish, Miss Helen Cummings and Mrs. Percy Cliff, one dollar each.

Annual Meeting.

The regular Annual Meeting of Stockholders of The Potomac Savings Bank of Georgetown, D. C., for the election of a Board of Directors and any and all other business properly coming before the meeting will be held at the principal office of the Company, in Alexandria, Virginia, (being the offices of James H. and Harry B. Caton, Attorneys) at three (3) o'clock P. M., on the 11th day of December, 1917.

Emory H. Bogley, Secretary.

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holocaust. It is probable that this estimate is far too high. That no American ships were involved in the Halifax disaster appears certain today from the fact that no mention of any is included in the Navy Department's report.



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A MODERN BALAAM.

The story of Balaam and his negotiations with Balak when the children of Israel drew near his domain on their journey to the promised land is well-known, especially to Sunday school children. The Canaanitish king was told by the prophet that God would not curse but bless his chosen people. Balak immediately set to work to impair their morality, knowing this would bring down the curse of heaven upon them, and the sad story of the relations between the children of Israel and the daughters of Moab follows.

The last book of the Bible indicts Balaam also, charging him with causing the children of Israel to commit immoral acts.

The warning caused by this act upon the part of Balaam runs through other places in holy writ and is brought down to our own day. The Kaiser, it seems, has taken the hint from the story of Balaam and Balak. According to the New York papers another form of German conspiracy has been discovered at New Rochelle in liquor and vice resorts designed to debauch American soldiers and infect them with disease.

It is not necessary to assume that Prussian propaganda is masquerading in the guise of wine and women. Vice knows no nationality. The point is that the punishment for this crime should be made so severe that nobody would care to risk it, and it should be meted out to all offenders without mercy.

The Government has made very drastic rules on this subject. Nobody is ignorant of them. No plea of ignorance should be accepted in extenuation of violations. At present the penalties for tempting soldiers do not fit the crime. Congress should provide others that will crush out these deliberate debauchers of the young men whom the country is calling into its service. A Hun's bullet may make a man a hero; these venal leeches on him the mark of the beast. It is a worse crime to fill him with disease and to degrade his manhood than to shoot him down in his tracks. The Huns of immorality should have no pity shown them.

ALEXANDRIA'S BOOM.

The fact that the United States Shipbuilding Company is about to establish one of its branch plants in Alexandria is now known throughout the country. The Wall Street Journal having made the announcement last Wednesday. While the news has brought joy and gladness to every heart in our old city, people in nearby places are rejoicing with us. The Washington Herald of this morning contains the following:

Alexandria, our baby sister city across the Potomac, announces another acquisition to the era of prosperity that has been attending it for the past year. The United States Shipbuilding Company, according to plans made public yesterday, is going to locate a plant in the Virginia city. This will mean the purchase of land to the extent of about sixty acres upon which will be built shops to enable the company to take care of immense war contracts. Contracts of the company aggregate a total of \$36,000,000 to be spent in the construction of steel and wooden vessels.

The location of the plant in Alexandria will bring hundreds of mechanics to that city. The news of the prosperity attending Alexandria is particularly pleasant, both to that city and to Washington, where the people have always had an intimate interest in the affairs across the river.

While for various reasons, we cannot publish details at present, those in positions to know unhesitatingly say that no disappointment of the hopes inspired will be experienced, and in a short time evidence of the purposes of the company will be made plain.

THE HALIFAX HORROR.

A Belgian relief ship and a French vessel, loaded with ammunition, exploding, an explosion or series of explosions that disintegrated and warped the waterfront and caused fires to break out in a considerable section of the city, such a calamity, attended by the loss of many lives, brings poignant distress to the hearts of Canadians and Americans alike. Nor is the feeling so limited, for the destruction of the French boat and the many lives that were thereby snuffed out carries the sorrow to France as well.

As a contemporary says, the narrows off Richmond, a suburb of Halifax, at all times calls for careful navigation, and in the present state of congestion of water traffic there must have been ideal conditions present for the kind of fatality that actually occurred. Both ships blown to wreckage, the demolition of docks, the unravelling of freight trains, the blotting out of structures and damaging warehouses—so runs the story of this great horror. The details of the calamity disclose only fresh distresses of the accident that stands out in this period of repeated fatalities through explosions as of commanding distress.

There is at least satisfaction in feeling that the enemy was not responsible for this explosion as it would be distressful in the extreme to know that such ramifications of enemy agents could produce such an occurrence. The situation is one of great pathos as well as severe losses.

THE CASE OF AUSTRIA.

Independence and integrity of territory are the claims of Austria in the securing of peace, as stated by the Austrian Emperor.

The Baltimore American suggests that if Austria really wants peace it can very well see the direction of peace as marked out in the address of President Wilson to Congress. There is nothing in that address referring to Austria that is not just and generous. But if Austria imagines for a moment that it can distract attention from the fact that it is not independent and that it is acting entirely in concert with and under the direction of its strong ally, it is mistaken.

As soon as the Austro-Hungarian government makes overtures for separate peace, based upon the principles contained in the address of Mr. Wilson, that soon will the United States be prepared to enter into negotiations along with its allies. But not a step farther than this will it go.

There is no use in Austria repeatedly taking up the word peace and not filling that word with practical content. The United States cannot be fooled in this way. Hence the Austrian Emperor will strike no responsive chord until he goes at the matter in the right way.

FARMER SLAIN IN HOME.

James Stanley, Shpt Through Window, Found Dead by Neighbor.

Easton, Md., Dec. 7.—James Stanley, who lived alone on the Wise farm, Bamby Neck, near Trappe, owned by Mayor Nichols, of Easton, was murdered Wednesday night by someone unknown.

Stanley conducted the farm for Mayor Nichols, and this morning Greenbury Griffin, who lives on an adjoining farm, went over to Stanley's house to get him to help on his farm. Griffin rapped on the door and called, but received no reply. He went then to one of the windows, where the shutter was broken and peered through. He saw Stanley lying on the floor by the table dead. Griffin notified his neighbors and Sheriff Stevens at Easton, and upon the officer's arrival the door was forced. Stanley's side had been riddled with shot, which had been fired from the window. A large hole was found in one of the panes and the shutters which were partly closed, had been splintered. It is supposed the murderer crept up to the house at night with the intention of robbery and seeing Stanley sitting in a chair by the table decided to kill him and then rob the house.

Millions in Live Stock Destroyed on Tracks.

Through the negligence of live stock owners food animals valued at \$200,000 were killed on the tracks of the Central of Georgia railway during the first nine months of this year. According to a statement of the Vice President and General Manager of that road, 1,802 head of stock were needlessly wasted in this manner, the average value of which was approximately \$10 to \$11 per head. Fine dairy cows and beef cattle were included, as well as hogs, sheep, geese, etc.

During those nine months one animal was killed for every mile of track on the Central of Georgia, and if that figure can be accepted as a basis for estimating the loss for the entire country, the destruction of food animals on the railway tracks of the United States during the first nine months of this year can be put at \$2,700,000, or \$3,680,000 for the whole year.

MARRYING PARSON SQUELCHED.

H. J. Hill Restrained by Charleston (W. Va.) Court.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 7.—H. J. Hill, "the marrying parson" who has probably married more couples than any other minister in the State, has been squelched. For years his regular business has been hanging about the license clerk's office and pouncing upon couples as they emerged with the license. Some time ago his license to marry was taken away from him by the local county court, but he continued his activities under a license issued by the Lincoln county court. Yesterday he was restrained from continuing his operations by an order issued by Judge Alexander, of Common Pleas Court, on petition of Pat B. Withrow, superintendent of Union Mission, who took this action because of some disclosures made to him in his mission work.

GOT THE IRON CROSS.

German Had it Cut in His Hair by Member of Angry Mob.

Fremont, Mich., Dec. 7.—Benjamin Kummert, a German, was taken from his home here late Wednesday night by a crowd of Fremont men, taken to Fremont Lake in an automobile and there a noose was placed about his neck, a pencil shoved into his hand and he was told to sign a pledge of loyalty to the United States and promise to utter no more pro-German statements.

After signing, one of the crowd with a pair of clippers, cut an iron cross in his hair and another with a paint brush painted the "Hun" on his forehead. He was then taken home.

FRENCH TRANSPORT SUNK.

Attacked by Submarine When Held up by Disabled Machinery.

Lagging behind a convoyed fleet of steamers on account of a breakdown in the machinery cost the loss of a French transport in the Bay of Biscay with a great loss of life, according to officers of the Belgian motor ship Emmanuel Nobel, which has just arrived in an American port.

The disabled vessel was attacked by a German submarine as soon as distress signals were flown. Before the torpedo boat destroyers could come to her rescue the vessel foundered. Some of those aboard were rescued by the other steamers and by the destroyers but the greater number went down with the vessel.

CHILEAN OUTBREAK FATAL.

Bloodshed Follows Speech in Chamber of Deputies.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 7.—According to a dispatch from La Paz, Bolivia serious disorders broke out after a sitting of the Chamber of Deputies at which ex-president Montes undertook to refute certain charges made against him by the Republicans. The chief of staff was wounded, one officer, two soldiers and four civilians were killed and 17 others were wounded.

Order was soon re-established, and the dispatch adds that the trouble was not of a revolutionary character.

700,000 MORE ALIEN ENEMIES.

War Declaration on Austria-Hungary Vastly Increases Number.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 7.—Declaration of war on Austria-Hungary will add 700,000 men over 21 years of age to the alien enemies within the borders of the United States. Figures compiled by the Census Bureau showed that in 1910 there were 678,687 male subjects of the dual monarchy in this country and 186,524 former subjects who had taken the oath of allegiance to the United States and were becoming naturalized. The number of alien women brings the total to more than 1,000,000.

SCHOOL HEAD INJURED.

Superintendent Rooton, of Page Co., Va., in Auto Accident.

Luray, Va., Dec. 7.—Prof. John H. Rooton, superintendent of schools of Page county, was severely injured yesterday in an automobile accident near Hixleyville, eight miles north of Luray. He was returning from an inspection of the schools in the northern end of the county when his machine became unmanageable in rounding a sharp curve and ran down a steep embankment, turning turtle. Professor Rooton was pinned beneath the car. He was unconscious when found and has not yet recovered.

Armistice on Russian Front.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—Suspension of hostilities over the whole Russian front for 10 days, beginning at noon on Friday, has been arranged, the War Office announced today.

JOIN FIGHT FOR CLERKS.

Concerted Action Will be Taken by Group of Labor Members of Congress.

Concerted action by a group of labor members of Congress, with the solid support of the American Federation of Labor, to force through a much higher salary increase for clerks than the 5 and 10 per cent authorized last year, is the plan being perfected by Congressman Edward Keating of Colorado. Mr. Keating told the Times today.

While no definite scale of increase has yet been decided on, circumstances will more or less determine whether it shall be graded down from 20 per cent, 25 per cent, or even higher. Twenty per cent is the least that will be accepted by labor, and a still fight will be made to obtain the 25 per cent, or greater, increase.

That the American Federation of Labor will put into the fight the entire resources of its organization is a foregone conclusion. Labor's program is for salary increases graded downward from 25 per cent for those in the service men receiving \$1,200 to \$2,500. Such a scale is considered modest by the labor organization, and far short of the requirements of the situation. Many members of Congress also hold this view.

AEROPLANES OF THE FUTURE.

Willis Moore Predicts Airplane Route Between New York and London.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Breakfast at the Waldorf, New York, and dinner on the Thames with a 300-bill-an-hour schedule between.

This is the forecast of Willis Moore, formerly chief of the Weather Bureau in speaking of the 100,000 American flyers who will be developed by the war for air service when peace is established.

After peace is established the army of aviators will still find service with the Government, Mr. Moore told the Arts Club last night in an address on the "Influence of the Climate on Man's Character." He said aviators would be attached to every meteorological station to study the secrets of air currents and make aviation safe.

The importance of climate and weather on man may be seen, said Mr. Moore, from the fact that Thomas Jefferson, kept a daily weather record and berated the British more for breaking his barometer than for burning the Capitol.

NO PACT WITH ITALY.

England and France Have Not Agreed to Oppose Pope.

London, Dec. 7.—In the House of Commons yesterday Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade, denied that England and France had entered into any treaty or understanding to support Italy against the Holy See if the Holy See attempted to take steps toward peace. Asked why no reasonable reply to the Pope's note was made by England, France or Italy, he said:

"The British, French and Italian Governments considered no reply necessary beyond that returned by President Wilson."

KILLED IN STALLED AUTO.

Motorist and Brother Try to Beat Train at Grade Crossing.

Easton, Pa., Dec. 7.—Speeding up his motorcar to beat a freight train to a grade crossing near Bath Wednesday night, Lloyd Serfass, a lumberman, aged 34 lost his life when his engine stalled directly upon the tracks. Roger Serfass, a brother, who was riding with Lloyd, was injured. Both saw the approaching train, but disregarded the warning shouts of the trainmen, apparently believing there was no real danger.

RE-ELECTED W. C. T. U. HEAD.

Miss Anna A. Gordon Named President for Fourth Term.

Miss Anna A. Gordon, of Evanson, Ill., was yesterday re-elected president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union for a fourth term at the national convention in Washington.

President Wilson sent word that on account of the press of public business he would not be able to address the convention or receive the delegates at the White House.



POLICE FORCES CLASH.

Philadelphia "Rebel" Held in Check by Mounted Men.

Philadelphia, Dec. 7.—Driven from City Hall plaza by armed mounted police troopers, more than 1,000 patrolmen, members of the Patrolmen's Benevolent and Protective Association, late yesterday afternoon prepared for an all-night "walkout" meeting. Leaders of the organization asserted that they will be prepared to go before Mayor Smith today with an ultimatum which, they said will embody the demands of the "unionized" policemen.

North City Hall Square for hours yesterday afternoon presented a spectacle such as has never been witnessed before in an American municipality. Three hundred policemen, half their number mounted, acting on instructions from officials of the Police Department, held back more than three times that number of patrolmen who had sworn allegiance to the organization. At times the forces clashed, but only appeals of the anti-administration leaders prevented actual use of night sticks or bludgeons.

FINNS ARE STARVING.

Russians Seize Food and Cut Off All Supplies From Russia.

London, Dec. 7.—A number of Finnish food commissions issue, through the Swedish press, appeals to the Scandinavian countries for help, according to a dispatch from Copenhagen. They say the situation is desperate, that Finland is unable to save itself and that thousands of families must starve unless help arrives soon.

It is reported from Haparanda, the dispatch adds, that Russian soldiers' organizations have seized large quantities of food and have completely cut off imports from Russia into Finland.

Ten Killed, 35 Injured.

London, Dec. 7.—Reports from the various areas attacked by the fleet of twenty-five German airplanes that sailed over London yesterday show that three persons were killed and ten injured in the metropolitan area, while in outlying districts seven were killed and twenty-one injured. Further reports may show a greater casualty list.

At least two of the German planes are known to have been destroyed and several others were damaged. Property damage is said to be light. The leaden wall which the British aircraft guns raised around the city the minute the Goths were sighted was the most formidable yet offered to German aircraft.

Ford Will Appeal.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 7.—An appeal to the State Supreme Court has been taken by the Ford Motor Company and Henry Ford, its principal stockholder, from the ruling of the lower court which has just decided in favor of John F. and Horace E. Dodge, who filed suit to force the Ford Motor Company to disburse \$19,000,000 as dividends.

Ford has planned to use the fund for expansion projects. It is believed that the case will ultimately go to the United States Supreme Court.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Missive Puts Imperialism on the Defensive in Europe.

President Wilson's message to Congress has accomplished one thing already. It has put imperialism on the defensive, not alone German imperialism but Italian, French and British. He has put his stamp of disapproval on the boasts about seizing the west bank of the Rhine, the dismemberment of Austria and the occupation of Trieste.

Every one finds something good in President Wilson's message to Congress. No one is entirely pleased and satisfied. The British jingoes fail as they did eight months back, to accept his distinction between the German people and their rulers. The British moderates wish he had been more specific. The British reactionaries consider his war aims too idealistic. The British radicals rejoice in his suggestion to use other weapons beside military force to win a victory. The British "bitter enders" interpret the address as "no peace with the Hohenzollerns."

The British pacifists consider him as a sympathetic friend. Perhaps none of his public utterances has been subjected to such varied interpretations. Certainly none has been studied with closer effort to get the exact status of the President.

SHIP PLANT BURNS.

Many Aliens Employed There—Will Rebuild at Once.

Toronto, Ontario, Dec. 7.—Fire which originated in the pattern shop of the Polson Iron Works and the Toronto water front early last night completely destroyed that building and a number of sheds and badly damaged a large freight boat and a trawler. The total damage was estimated at from \$250,000 to \$300,000, covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

William Newman, manager of the iron works, when asked about the number of aliens employed at the plant and whether they might be responsible, replied: "I don't know; remember, we are at war."

Three large ocean freighters of 3,500 to 4,000 tons displacement are under construction at the works as well as two trawlers. Two of the freighters were "overboard," but the other was on the ways, and was so badly damaged that its launching will be set back several weeks.

Men of several nationalities are employed as laborers at the works. It was stated that work of reconstruction would be started at once.

CONVICT DRAFT RESISTERS.

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Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 7.—A jury in Federal court here yesterday returned a verdict of guilty against nine of ten defendants charged with conspiracy to obstruct the operation of the selective draft law. Judge A. S. Van Valkenburgh sentenced the eight convicted men to terms of two

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years each in the Federal penitentiary and fine of \$1,000 each and costs, and fined the one woman, Mrs. Leonora Warneson Moore, a former Kansas City school teacher, \$1,000.

The conspiracy with which the accused were charged consisted in the organization of the Federation for Democratic Control, the avowed purpose of which was to defeat the passage of the selective draft law and, failing in this, to carry a test case through the courts. The defense was that the defendants had acted within their rights in seeking to test the law.

MANY REFUGEES STARVE.

Thousands of Old Men, Women and Children Flee From Barbarities of Turks.

New York, Dec. 7.—Thousands of old men, women and children who sought refuge in the Caucasus from the barbarities of the Turks in Armenia are dying from hunger as a direct result of the overthrow of the Russian provisional government according to a cable message received December 2 by Secretary of State Lansing from F. Willoughby Smith, American consul at Tiflis, Russian Caucasus, and made public here today by the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief.

The counter revolution eliminated automatically the funds provided by the provisional government for the maintenance of orphanages and asylums and for the distribution of food and clothing to the refugees, the message states.

In addition to the sums already promised by the New York committee, \$200,000 monthly will be required to continue the relief work, Consul Smith says.

ARGENTINE STRIKERS SHOOT.

Buenos Aires in Darkness After Car-Bomb Are Cut; 200 Injured.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 7.—An outbreak of strike violence, in which 200 persons were injured, occurred early yesterday. Strikers cut the electric cables and part of the city was in darkness.

Most of the strikers were armed and under cover of darkness firing broke out. One electric substation was burned and the building housing the police precinct was attacked.

SCHOOLBOY HANGS HIMSELF.

Lad of 11 Years Ends Life Rather Than Continue His Studies.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 6.—Clark, the 11-year-old son of Diller Reinsnyder, of Christiania, committed suicide yesterday by hanging himself in his father's stable.

He had been moody over being obliged to attend school, and it is supposed this prompted the deed.

To the Stockholders of the Washington Fertilizer Company.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this company for the election of officers and directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting, will be held at the general office of the company, rooms 1 and 2 Alexandria National Bank Building, Alexandria, Va., at the hour of 12:00 noon, Wednesday the 12th day of December 1917.

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DENIES SECOND LETTER.

Cardinal Says Pope Did Not Issue Supplementary Peace Proposal.

Rome, Dec. 7.—Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state yesterday denied that the Pope had addressed a communication to President Wilson, to Secretary of State Lansing, or to any government setting forth that there were extenuating circumstances regarding the last Vatican peace note.

The Vatican is much occupied by the Russian situation, the cardinal said, and expects to make a statement relative to the recent publication of the Russian diplomatic documents when the correct text has been secured.

TRIES TO KILL HIMSELF.

Raymond P. Brown, of Everett, Wash., Foiled by Policeman.

Rather than be sent home to face a charge of being a slacker, Raymond P. Brown, 24 years old, of Everett, Wash., attempted to hang himself in a cell at the First precinct, Washington, yesterday afternoon.

Tearing his shirt into strips, he tied one end about his neck and the other to the cell door. He had just suspended himself from the door when he was discovered by Policemen W. L. MacDonald.

Brown, with two 15-year-old boys, was arrested at the Union Station last Wednesday. He admitted he had failed to register.

THINK BOY WAS MURDERED.

Officials Declare That he Could Not Have Strangled Himself.

Wilmington, Dec. 7.—The entire city detective force, part of the uniformed police and the coroner's office yesterday started an investigation of the death of Harry D. Walker, aged 13, who was found strangled last evening in the cellar of the house at No. 1222 Chestnut street, occupied by his sister, Mrs. J. D. Mullin. Relatives of the boy insist he hanged himself while experimenting with a noose, probably to see what the sensations of having a rope about his neck were like. Physicians who were called pronounced the case one of heart disease.

The police and detectives, however, say they are satisfied the boy could not have strangled himself. He was found on his knees in the cellar with his head thrown back a trifle. Nearby, dangling from a hook in a rafter, was a piece of rope. There was no loop, noose or knot in it and the police say, if the boy had tied it about his neck so tight as to strangle him, he never could have removed it himself and untied the noose. They are working on the theory that he was murdered.

IN QUEST OF PEACE.

Socialist Congressman Wants Allied Conference at Washington.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—Representative London, of New York, Socialist, yesterday introduced a joint resolution to initiate the organization of an international league to secure a durable peace.

It would have the President invite the "representatives of the parliaments of all the countries now at war with the Central Powers to convene in a joint conference to be held in the city of Washington D. C.

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Warm Outing Flannel Night Robes, ... \$1.00 and \$1.25
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NEWS OF THE DAY

Mystery surrounds the fatal injury of Mason Henderson, 27 years old, of Washington, who was shot in the groin by some mysterious missile while at his work in the alloy steel department of the Washington Steel and Ordnance Company last night. A coroner's inquest will be held to day at 2 o'clock. An autopsy may be held to discover the circumstances of Henderson's death. Henderson was an inspector in the alloy steel department of the plant and was engaged in his duties when he received his fatal injuries. He went to Washington from King George county, Virginia, about ten years ago.

In the most violent and sanguinary battle yet fought on the Italian soil the Germans Wednesday wrested from the Italians strong positions of the Asiago front and captured 11,000 prisoners and more than sixty guns. Von Benlow's offensive development from the mountain strongholds on the Sette Comuni, which he captured Wednesday, forced the defenders to withdraw their lines along a front of about six miles.

Chinese rebels, re-enforced by numerous troops, have captured the city of Chungking, in the province of Szechuen. The revolt is reported to be spreading, and Japanese machines are being hurried to the scene to protect foreign property. Chungking has a population of 300,000 and is a prominent center of commerce. When the words "no more coal" were heard at the yards of Ruben Brothers in Brooklyn yesterday, 2,000 persons, most of them women, who had stood in line for hours to get their allotment, mobbed the place, breaking windows and shouting their anger.

Fifteen hundred barrels of government flour, worth about \$16,500, were stolen at Toledo, Ohio, last night from Wheeling and Lake Erie freight cars. Seven cars were looted. The flour was consigned by the government to the National Milling Company of Toledo.

The House Foreign Affairs committee's report on the war resolution declares that the United States probably soon will send troops to Italy.

Four men were killed and two seriously injured when Erie train 41 bound for New York, ran into freight at Susquehanna, Pa. The explanation of the accident is that a tower operator went off duty at midnight last night without waiting for his relief operator, who came on at 12:25 a. m. Before the first operator left, a freight train he crossed to the westbound track, and the second operator had no knowledge of this in directing the movement of an oncoming passenger train.

Glendon W. Irwin, 39 years old, formerly a chief gunner in the United States navy, who was among the large number of warrant officers recently given temporary commissions as ensigns in the service since the United States went to war with Germany, shot himself at his home in Eastport, Md., yesterday afternoon. He died shortly afterwards. The death of Ensign Irwin is ascribed to suicide by the naval authorities. Ensign Irwin had been under treatment at the Naval Hospital, at Annapolis, for the last two weeks for a slight stroke of paralysis.

London was awakened yesterday morning by the rumble of distant gunfire, and the people were routed from their warm beds and driven half clad to the icy basements when 25 Gotha joined in one of the most determined and at the same time, one of the most unsuccessful attacks ever made on the capital. In the metropolitan area 3 persons were killed and 11 injured; in outlying districts, bombs killed 7 more persons and injured 21 according to announcement in the House of Commons by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The actual damage inflicted on the city and its environs was small and the German

paid for their doubtful success, with the destruction of at least two aeroplanes and the damaging of several others.

America will have an air fleet of from 150,000 to 200,000 airplanes, costing anywhere from \$3,000,000,000 to \$6,000,000,000, if the tentative suggestions offered to the Aircraft Board by seven of the largest rubber manufacturers of the country are developed.

VIRGINIA PILOT SHOT.

Apt. Charles M. Collier Victim of Bullet During Family Quarrel.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 7.—Capt. Charles M. Collier, one of the most popular members of the Virginia Pilots association, was shot and probably fatally wounded in the office of Judge Thomas H. Wilcox yesterday by David Cain, his father-in-law.

The shooting occurred while discussion in the divorce proceedings of Capt. Collier against his wife, formerly Miss Ena Cain, was being taken. The office of Judge Wilcox was filled with lawyers and witnesses in the case, including Mrs. Collier and her mother. The shooting occurred after Capt. Collier made a remark which Mr. Cain construed as reflection on his daughter's character.

The domestic troubles of the Colliers began last summer when Capt. Collier entered a suit for \$10,000 against Earl P. Yates, a young lawyer of Winston-Salem, N. C., who was attending the army officers training school at Old Point Comfort. Yates is now lieutenant in the army. Capt. Collier came home one Sunday and found Yates in his home in Hampton. Mrs. Collier and Yates claimed he was visiting a young lady who was a guest at the Collier home. Mrs. Collier left her husband and returned to the home of her parents in this city. Since then divorce suits and counter suits have been entered. Mrs. Collier charges cruelty and Mr. Collier charges desertion.

The Colliers have two children who have been in the custody of a sister of Captain Collier pending the outcome of the divorce proceedings.

Captain Collier was shot in the chest, the bullet piercing the lung. David Cain is said to be worth \$100,000, and Captain Collier is also wealthy.



THOMAS L. CARTER, Auctioneer.

Auction sale of desirable garage or stable property, known as Mt. Vernon Garage.

Pursuant to the terms of a deed of trust, bearing date on October 5, 1914, given by Robert G. Smith and wife to Charles B. Marshall, Trustee, and duly recorded among the land records of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in Deed Book 64, page 75, said deed of trust having been given to secure the payment of certain indebtedness therein set forth, default having been made in the payment of art of said indebtedness, the undersigned, being the Executrix of the aforesaid Charles B. Marshall, Trustee, at the request and with the direction of the holder of the notes and unpaid, will offer for sale at public auction on the premises, at 2 o'clock noon, On Saturday, December 15th, 1917, the following described real estate situated, lying and being on the east side of St. Asaph street, between King and Cameron streets, in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Beginning on St. Asaph street at a point 123 feet 5 inches to the southward of Cameron street, and running thence southwardly along St. Asaph street and binding there-with 53 feet 7 inches to an alley; thence eastwardly with a line parallel to Cameron street 123 feet 5 inches; thence northwardly with a line parallel to St. Asaph street 53 feet 7 inches; and thence westwardly with a straight line to the beginning, with the use of and right of way over the above mentioned alley in common with others entitled thereto, together with all buildings and improvements thereon and with all rights, easements, privileges and appurtenances to the said real estate belonging or in any wise appertaining.

Terms of sale: One-third cash and the balance in one and two years; the deferred payments to bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually and to be secured by first deed of trust upon the said property, or all cash at the option of the purchaser or purchasers. Conveyancing at the cost of the purchaser.

Margaret L. Eidsness, Executrix of Charles B. Marshall, Trustee, dec'd.
Gardner L. Booths, Attorney.
237-54.

Sale of Property for Non-Payment of Taxes.

Under the following resolution passed by the City Council Tuesday, November 27, 1917, I will sell at public auction on Monday, December 17, 1917, in front of the Market Building, Royal Street, Alexandria, Va., the following: LOTS AND IMPROVEMENTS thereon, or as much thereof as may be necessary to pay and satisfy the taxes, assessments, or charges due to the City Council of Alexandria on the same.

Resolved, That the Collector of Taxes be and is hereby directed to proceed and sell at public auction all real estate in the City of Alexandria on which taxes are due and unpaid to June 1, 1917, in conformity to the City Charter and Laws relating to the same and sale to commence Monday, December 17, 1917, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and continue from time to time and day to day until all such real estate is sold.

The purchaser will be required to pay, at time of sale, the taxes, assessments, charges and expenses of sale.

The sale will commence at 10 o'clock A. M., on the day specified and if not completed on this day will be continued from day to day and from time to time until completed.

P. F. GORMAN,
Collector of Taxes.

First Ward.

Richard H. Brooks, Jr., house and lot 723 1-2 south Fairfax street, 1916 . . . \$8.29

Morton G. Douglas, Sr., house and lot 403 south Lee street, 1916 \$13.50
Wm. J. McKemey, house and lot 405 south Lee street, 1916 . . . \$11.62
Carrie V. Nowland, house and lot 423-25 south Lee street, 1914-15-16 . . . \$35.54

Martha Williams, house and lot 511 Gibbon street, 1915-16 . . . \$9.36

Second Ward.

Fannie L. Gray, house and 2 lots 410-412 north Royal street, 1916 \$4.23

Nancy Lucas, house and lot 739 north Washington street, 1916 \$6.78
John McK. Ware, lot 420 1-2 north Pitt street, 1914-15-16 . . . \$5.82

Third Ward.

Richard Bentley, house and lot 313-315 north Patrick street, 1916 . . . \$22.76

Elias Cole, 2 houses and lots 1117-1119 Queen street, 1916 . . . \$17.43

Ruth Dabney, 2 lots 406-408 north Columbus street, 1916 . . . \$15.56

Edward P. Dixon, Sr., house and lot 324 north Patrick street, 1916 \$8.01

John H. Fisher, house and lot 129 north Columbus street, 1916 \$8.01

John McGee, est., house and lot 330 north Patrick street, 1916 \$6.78

Sarah Simms, house and lot 423 north Patrick street, 1916 . . . \$10.60

Jane E. Smith, house and lot 421 north Alfred street, 1914-15-16 \$61.22

Isaac Thornton, house and lot 807 Madison street, 1916 . . . \$6.36

J. C. Vaughn Todd, 5 lots Nos. 1 to 5 block 8 Braddock, 1916 . . . \$7.75

J. C. Vaughn Todd, 5 lots Nos. 20 to 24 Braddock, 1916 . . . \$7.75

Fourth Ward.

Alice McMenamin, house and lot S. E. corner Duke and West streets, 1916 . . . \$48.29

Mary J. Parker and als., house and lot 609 south Alfred street, 1916 \$8.78

John Sisson, house and lot S. W. corner Henry and Wilkes streets, 1916 . . . \$12.16

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM

N. B.—Following schedule figures published only as information. Not guaranteed.

Trains leave Union Station, Alexandria:

4:27 a. m., Daily—Memphis Special. Sleeping cars and coaches for Lynchburg, Roanoke, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Nashville, Memphis, Washington sleeping cars open after 10:00 p. m. Dining car.

7:37 a. m., Local to Danville.

7:47 a. m., Daily—Local to Harrisonburg. Buffet parlor car.

9:17 a. m., Daily—U. S. fast mail. Coaches and sleeping cars to Charlotte, Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans. Sleeping car Salisbury to Asheville. Dining car.

9:37 a. m., Daily—Manassas Orange and Charlottesville and limited beyond to Atlanta. Coaches only.

4:02 p. m., Daily except Sunday—Local to Harrisonburg. Buffet parlor car.

4:22 p. m., Daily—Local to Charlottesville. Parlor car to Warrenton, daily except Sunday.

5:12 p. m., Daily—Birmingham Special. Coaches and sleeping cars to Atlanta and Birmingham. Dining car. Daily tourist car to California.

5:22 p. m., Daily except Sunday—Local for Warrenton.

7:17 p. m., Daily—Augusta Special. Coaches and sleeping cars to Charlotte, Columbia, Aiken and Augusta. Sleeping cars to Asheville. Dining car.

10:02 p. m., Daily—Washington & Chattanooga Limited. (V. A. Lynchburg). Coaches and sleeping cars to Roanoke, Knoxville, Chattanooga, New Orleans. Dining car.

11:02 p. m., Daily—New York & New Orleans Limited. All Pullman train. Club and Observation cars to Atlanta and New Orleans. Sleeping car to Macon. Dining car.

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Leave Alexandria For Washington—Daily Except Sundays and Holidays.

A. M.—5:00, 5:40, 6:00, 6:20, 6:40, 6:55, 7:10, 7:20, 7:30, 7:40, 7:50, 8:00, 8:15, 8:30, 8:40, 9:00, 9:20, 9:40, 10:00, 10:20, 10:40, 11:00, 11:20, 11:40, Noon

P. M.—12:20, 12:40, 1:00, 1:20, 1:40, 2:00, 2:20, 2:40, 3:00, 3:20, 3:40, 4:00, 4:20, 4:40, 5:00, 5:20, 5:40, 6:00, 6:20, 6:40, 7:00, 7:20, 7:35, 8:00, 8:20, 9:00, 9:20, 10:00, 10:20, 11:10, 11:55

Sunday and Holidays, same as above except trains at 5:00, 5:40, 6:00, 6:20, 6:40, 7:10, 7:30, 7:50, and 8:10 A. M. and 11:55 P. M.

Leave Alexandria For Mt. Vernon, A. M.—Week Days—5:35, 6:55, 7:55, 8:55, 10:30, 11:30, P. M.—12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:35, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35, 10:30, 11:50

Sunday as above except 5:30 and 9:55 A. M. and 11:50 P. M.

Washington Southern Ry.

Schedule in effect July 2, 1917.

For Washington and points north daily 8:08, 8:23, 8:33, 10:33, 10:45 a. m. 12:01, 1:23, 2:30, (through train for New York, via P. R. R.) 5:14, 5:53, 8:23, 11:33 p. m.

Saturdays only, 4:45 p. m., and Sundays only 8:08 p. m.

For Fredericksburg, Richmond and points south at 4:37, 7:52 (local) and 9:47 a. m. 12:16, 3:22, 8:32, 5:17 (local) 7:02, 9:47 p. m. daily.

Accommodation for Quantico at 11:18 a. m. daily and 2:05 p. m. Saturdays. Night train leaves 11:30 p. m. daily for stations Lorton to Fredericksburg inclusive.

NOTE—Times of arrival and departure and connections not guaranteed.

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